

PREFACE

The Subclass KB, *Religious Law*, is currently in the process of being developed by Jolande E. Goldberg, law classification specialist in the Cataloging Policy and Support Office. Subclasses KBR, *History of Canon Law*, and KBU, *Law of the Roman Catholic Church. The Holy See*, the first two subclasses to be completed, were published in 2000. The 2004 edition included, in addition to those two subclasses, three new subclasses that were developed between 2000 and 2004: KB, *Religious Law in General. Comparative Religious Law. Jurisprudence*; KBM, *Jewish Law. Halakah*; and KBP, *Islamic Law. Sharī'ah. Fiq.* The 2008 edition included additions and changes that had been made to these subclasses between 2004 and 2008. For that edition, Arabic script was provided for many of the proper names and Arabic terms in subclass KBP, in addition to their Latin counterparts. The 2011 edition included two new subclasses that were developed between 2008 and 2011. This 2016 edition updates the 2015 edition.

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